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FEDERATION ENJOYS SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Over 160 guests, delegates and officers from member clubs of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of the Chemeketans, of Salem, Oregon over the Labor Day holidays at nearby Silver Falls Recreational Area.

This area was developed from sub-marginal logged-over timber land by the National Park Service in the late thirties, and has now been acquired by the Oregon State Park Commission. It is well covered by a second growth tree stand. Equipped for recreational use by youth organizations, with an adequate mess hall, social hall and necessary buildings, including individual hillside cabins for guests, it was ideal for a Federation Convention.

The Chemeketans have wanted to be host club for over ten years and they outdid past conventions in the perfection of all arrangements, such as registration, program, delectable cooking, entertainment, hikes and games and well attended business meetings.

Cy Washburn conducted some very good meetings and saw to it that everyone who wished it was given the chance of fair expression. Talks were also made by invited guests, including Supt. E. P. Leavitt from Crater Lake National Park, Asst. Regional Forester, Frank B. Folsom, O. K. DeWitt, vice-president of the Izaak Walton League, and Mark Astrup, representing the Oregon State Park Board.

The proceedings of the Saturday and Sunday meetings were summed up in some very good resolutions particularly expressing opposition to dams proposed for the Rogue River Valley in Oregon, at Glacier View on the Flathead River in Montana, at Lake Solitude in the Big Horn National Forest, Wyoming, and on the Kings River in California. (cont. p. 3)

DIRECTORS AT TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Gathering at Tuolumne Meadows, for the first time since 1939, the Directors held their fall meeting on September 5. This one established a record for the length of its agenda and for duration.

The resignation of Walter L. Huber, treasurer, who has served as director for over a third of a century, was accepted with great regret by the Board. To fill the vacancy, Robert L. Lipman, present chairman of the Legal Committee, was unanimously elected.

Two new life members were elected -- Charles S. Webber, longtime member who has made extensive contributions to the Sierra Club Kodachrome collection, and Bernard DeVoto, well known writer and conservationist.

The September Sierra Club Bulletin will carry details of the innumerable topics discussed. Roads - Kings Canyon, Tioga; new camping regulations in Tuolumne and Yosemite; cosmic ray observatories; Butano; South Calaveras Grove; ski developments; High Sierra Wilderness Conference; meeting of Natural Resource Council Oct. 4-5 in New York; dams; and so on! But read all about it in the Bulletin!

COLOSSAL! TERRIFIC!

SUMMER OUTINGS

For Those Who Saw
And For Those Who Didn't See

Tuesday, Sept 28, at 8 PM

Everett Jr High School
Church St at Sixteenth St
San Francisco

SUPER! SUPER!

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Monday, October 4, 1948, 6 PM

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CHAPTER OFFICIALS BACK AT WORK

The Executive Committee of the Bay Chapter met on September 12, the first meeting since June.

Expansion of the club offices was most welcome news. At last the club rooms are bursting their bonds and spreading into the adjoining offices. Since the Chapter will benefit from the improvement, we shall, of course, pay part of the expense, and a special subcommittee was set up to work with the architects. (Read Add-Libeing for more details.)

Election of the next Executive Committee will be held on Saturday, October 30.

Plans for the Chapter Meeting at West Point on December 5 are nearly complete. Put that in your date book now.

The idea was introduced that club members organize volunteer fire fighting units to work with the State fire fighters, and to be on call in emergencies. Comments and suggestions from members as to the workability of this plan, are invited. --CMC

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WEST POINT CLUB--OCTOBER

*Oct.	2-3	Grace Woodward	PR 5-2823
"	9-10	Mary Herman	MO 4-2983
"	16-17	Esther & Roy Crites	GR 4-1666
		Sierra Club Base Camp Reunion	
* "	23-24	Tillie Smedberg & Amy Deeter	UN 1-9774
* "	30-31	Roy Crites	GR 4-1666

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS about the Summer Outing program September 28. Post cards announcing this may not reach everyone.

OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

Oland, Sweden
June 21, 1948

Yodeleditor:

When two old Sierrans get together, what do they talk about? You guess! This is a most strange island--beautiful, but different, Oland on the East coast. No mountains. --Ruth E. Prager

Germany, France, Monaco, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden--now home to those granite domes--which after all are best.
--Amie Holmquist Petkovia

More from Ruth:

August 17, 1948

Here I am at the end of the Grossglochner Highway, with my jeep--off for a six day hike of the Austrian mountains. Crossed this glacier (Pasterzengletscher) yesterday but did not have the nerve or shoes to go to the top. There is so much snow this summer. Was a great thrill to get cards from the Base Camp and High Trip and read the names of my many friends. Thanks to you all--will be with you again one of those summers. Greetings. --Ruth E. Prager

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THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL A-WINDING

. . . but not for those who have to forego an overnight trip with the club simply because they have no transportation. There are many outstanding trips listed in the current schedule, yet almost every week end some unlucky members who would like to go must stay home for lack of a ride. On the other hand other people arrive at the campsite with half-empty cars, not realizing that some would-be campers have been left behind.

This deplorable situation can be alleviated if those having extra room in their cars will remember to contact in advance the leader or transportation coordinator, who will be glad to supply the names of those in need of rides. In this way, drivers will be benefiting themselves as well as others in that the expenses of the trip will be shared by a greater number. How about a little cooperation, huh?

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OUR APOLOGIES for the incomplete August 30 issue of the Yodeler which some of you received. We don't quite know what happened (a fine excuse!) but we are trying to send you the missing pages as we hear from you.

THE WANDERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF MUIR--II

(This being a continuation of the abstract by Suzanne Reichard, of the Chronicles of Scanlon, Jukes, Sieck and Wampler which appeared in the Yodeler before, giving the record of the 1948 High Trip.)

However, upon the morrow the place of these unfaithful ones was taken by a new company of the devout. These King Dave led up the Creek of the Sphinx. Some, under the leadership of one, Jules Eichorn, climbed the mountain of this name. Now King Dave is famed in the land for his short cuts; so on the next day he resolved to lead his people to the Canyon of the Clouds by a short cut, to be marked by the sign of the orchid. Some of the people did not see the signs and became confused; others grumbled at the steepness of the descent, but all arrived safely. On this day King Dave made a prophecy that the heavens would rain on the fifth day of the week; but, lo, it rained that day, and it was only the third day.

Now there was in the multitude a man by the name of Armstrong, who, with his spouse Clara, was the begetter of the mighty tribe of Armstrong, and he preferred to go by uncharted, pathless ways, rather than to follow the well-trodden paths chosen by King Dave. Some of the people followed him over the Mount of the Triple Divide and marvelled at the great height. At the camp of Milestone all the people sojourned for two days. Some climbed the mountain of this name, while others swam and fished in the lakes, which were of surpassing loveliness.

After crossing the Pass of the Foresters, the people of King Dave encountered a friendly people ruled by one King Oliver. These people had brought their fleshpots with them into the high places, and they invited the people of King Dave to partake thereof. Never before had the people of these two great kings encountered one another in the high places, so there was much feasting and merriment. After the feasting there was music, and a sweet singer among the people of King Dave, Ollo of the tribe of Baldauf, sang and played upon the lute, and musicians in the camp of King Oliver displayed much skill in the singing of choruses.

On the last day of the seventh month the wanderings of the People of Muir came to an end, and King (cont. p. 4)

YODELEARS HEAR--

--of the arrival of a son, Robert Streator, at the home of George and Faith Templeton, on September 2, and--

--of the ditto, of a daughter, Robin Ann, at Eleanor and Robin Hansen's on Saturday, September 4, and--

--of the ditto, of a ditto, Christine Ann, for Key and Dick Hargreaves on Sept. 9.

--that Susan Faye Tivol is in Tokyo, Japan.

--that Mira Scaparone writes from Paris she is going to open a sidewalk cafe on her return. She thinks the Jungfrau has much in its favor but for her the piece de resistance will be Italy, which will be her next stop.

Federation (cont. from p.1)

Opposition was re-affirmed to the congressional legislation to reduce the Jackson Hole National Monument (Wyoming), and the Olympic National Park (Washington).

Vandalism in national forests and national and state parks was condemned and more adequate budgets for the services concerned for maintenance of recreational facilities was recommended.

The following officers were selected: President - Leo Gallagher, member of The Mountaineers, whose invitation to host the 1949 Labor Day at their new Snoqualmie Pass Ski Hut was accepted. Vice-presidents selected included: California - John R. Barnard, Sierra Club, deputy V.P. Harry C. James, Trailfinders; Montana - J. H. Staley, Montana Mountaineers; Oregon - Dale Cowen, W'Y East Climbers; Utah - Guy Anderson, Wasatch Mountain Club; Washington - J.K. McCune, Mt. St. Helens Club: Secretary, Olga Madsen, California Alpine Club: Treasurer, Melvin Becker, Trails Club; Editor of Western Outdoor Quarterly, Marie C. Trappe, Portland. --A. H. Blake

SAMUEL MERRILL

The Sierra Club is grieved to hear that Samuel Merrill died at his home in Pasadena early in September. Mr. Merrill was an active member in the Sierra Club, having been a director in 1936-1937. As a young man, he became a close friend of the club's founder, John Muir. He was known as the "keeper of the trail" in Southern California since he maintained the Echo Mountain, Castle Canyon, and Sunset trails back of Altadena for 15 years.

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

The 40 NSSers and guests who came to hear Mr. Fairbank speak on the effects of forest fires were disappointed--for he was unable to leave the fire fighting front long enough to address the meeting. However, the motion picture record of the 1947 Maine fire was shown very effectively.

After the picture we enjoyed an informal recounting of NSSer's vacation experiences.

September 19 - Our first fall field trip took us from Ross to Lake Lagunitas. The damage done the live oaks by the caterpillars was evident all along the trail. After lunch we ambled around the lake, used Jepson's Manual, aided by Tom Howell, speculated on how many crayfish a racoon might husk in one evening. Some of us had to return home and the rest of us assembled a slumgullion supper. After supper we compiled a list of birds seen during the day: the gum-shoed grebe, the leisurely bunting, the garbled madwit, the silent chat and his mate, the chit, a pussy-footed creeper, a spifilated warbler, a sandy windpiper and a brash-throated yodler.

Calendar

Oct.2 & 3 Overnight on Mt.Diablo at Juniper Camp. Private cars and private commissary. Bring along star maps and field glasses. A short hike on Sunday. If you need or can provide transportation, call Joanne Taylor, THornwall 3-8174.

Oct. 16 & 17 We will join Local Walks at Dillon Beach. See schedule for details.

ALPINE LAKE TRIP

Quality, not quantity, characterized the overnight excursion into the Sierra last week end, as only twenty participated. Especially memorable was the community singing which Carol Pulsifer led at Saturday night's campfire.

Lou Henrich treated us to two fine hikes. On Saturday we hiked around the lakes and had a fine view of the surrounding mountains, including the Dardanelles. On Sunday, we went over to Heed Lake for lunch. After our return, the foppish ones swam in Alpine Lake to remove their dusty disguises.

The country was disgustingly full of hunters--so many red hats we thought we were down at "The Farm" on a football day. They were all poor shots--not one of them managed to hit us.-R.F.Monges

AUD-LIBEING

The Yodeler must come out.

Amid the roar of falling walls and with heavy white dust settling on stencils, typewriters, typists, and the rest of the Clubroom paraphernalia, our little Yellow Sheet moves toward its deadline.

But it's for a worthy cause. The Club is adding to its Mills Tower rooms three adjoining rooms in the Mills Building. This involves a major construction job--cutting through the wall which separates the Tower and the Building, removing two useless windows, and several other important alterations.

When the work is completed, the secretaries will move to the new rooms, leaving room 1050 for the Library.

Plans for the furnishing of the new rooms must wait until the demolition and construction work are finished. Then, when that expense has been determined, the Club will know how much will be left for furnishings. It is believed that the Bay Chapter will bear the expense of refurnishing the present offices.

When these moves are completed, the Library Committee will have considerably more shelf space available for books and in addition will have as its work room the closet which now is used for steel files.

Johnny Schagen is chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the clubroom changes. With Johnny in Europe the subcommittee is fortunate in having the help of club-member Fritz Baldauf, who is providing invaluable help in completing the plans, and determining the furnishings for the new rooms.

ATTENTION FOLK DANCERS!

There will be folk dancing on the Portola State Park trip, Oct. 2-3, on Saturday evening.

Here are the directions--48 miles south of San Francisco on Skyline Boulevard, turn west on Alpine Creek Road and drive five miles to Portola Park Road and follow arrows to campsite.

As per schedule, there will be an eight mile hike Sunday. For the stalwart there is cold swimming available.

--Barbara Tilden, co-leader

People of Muir(cont from P.3)

Dave brought them safely back to the Meadow of Zumwalt, from whence they returned again to the lowlands, refreshed in body and spirit.

THE MINARETS OR BUST

Thursday afternoon John Salathe, Jim Wilson and I started out for the Minarets. None of us had anything important to do, so we planned to arrive early and stay late in order to make a real climbing week end of it. Locked gears, just outside Hayward only held us up for an hour, and we were soon on our way. Trouble with our lights decided us that we'd better spend the night at the summit of Sonora Pass. In turning the car around we managed to acquire a broken axle. The next morning we were towed into Bridgeport. "A Bird in the Hand" etc., so we started to hike to Twin Lakes and then to the Sawtooth Range. We wandered up the Matterhorn the first day and lazed around the second. It was a very pleasant week end, though not strenuous from a climbing standpoint.

The following week end, still interested in doing a bit of CLIMBING, Jim Wilson and I, with Phil Bettler and John Roberts went into Yosemite. Though it was only a short week end we did get in two good climbs. The first day we climbed the Lower Cathedral Rock from the northwest by way of Leonard's overhang.

The following day we climbed Pulpit by the regular "Tree Route." On the approach we bushwhacked through what looked to be a new and interesting variety of poison oak. Phil insisted that we were mistaken--"There is no poison oak in the Valley." Without going into any painful and horrible details of a week of agony, I'll simply make the statement: "He was mistaken--there is poison oak in the Valley." --Sylvia Kershaw

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ROBIN HOOD STEALS IN AGAIN

Do you want to see Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, and the strange happenings in Sherwood Forest? Reginald Travers is staging the operetta, "Robin Hood," in Tamalpais' famous Mountain Theatre on Sunday afternoon, October 3. This is the first musical production that has been presented in The Mountain Theatre, and will have real singers and a real orchestra.

You can reach The Mountain Theatre by going out with the Local Walkers on Sunday October 3, and hiking to the theatre after having lunch at Camp Van Wyck. Or if you prefer sedentary hiking, you can drive to the parking area near the theatre. The admission is, adults $1.00, children .50¢.

NAVAJO COUNTRY

Charles Townsend will show Kodachrome slides and Tom Howell will speak on the Southern Chapter's outing to the Rainbow Bridge country.

Wednesday, October 6
Whittier School Berkeley
East Bay dinner preceding program

TUESDAY DINNER DATING

Tuesday night dinners will now have programs every week until the end of the year.

Oct 5 - Capt. Wm. Kitchener -Talk on Japan
" 12 - Hilary Crawford -Color motion pictures --100 miles of trail from Devils Postpile around Ritter Range and back to Reds Meadow

Tillie Smedberg, just returned from her trip to Europe, is talking informally this Tuesday, the 21st, about her travels.

LABOR DAY AT THE LODGE

Perfect weather at Clair Tapaan Lodge for the Labor Day weekend--for swimming, hiking and acquiring a suntan. Al Glenn and Betty Hunneston led a large party to Lake Flora on Saturday, and on Sunday they showed us some new country in the Five Lakes Basin area, south of Mount Anderson.

Meals--a la Bob Ruedy--were a large part of our good time. Our supper cooked all Sunday in the deep barbecue trench. In the evening there were movies, shown by Jim Garrett, and, of course, the folk dancers were always busy.

While most of us played, others worked hard for the Lodge. A party went to Anderson to work on the shelter hut, where the cement foundations are still under construction, though the supply of water there is rapidly diminishing.

Men Needed for Heavy Work

At the main lodge, Jim Clifford, Jim Garrett and others, laid plans for fall work. A balcony at the dining room end of the building, with emergency exit doors, and other construction will call for lots of help from all who can work with wood or can handle lumber and other construction materials. Jim Garrett is in charge of work parties and we urge members to call Jim (EX 2-5400) if they can help in this program.

ROOM FOR RENT. Private bath and entrance. Exclusive dist. Garage available. $50.
MO. 4-2983

A DUTCH TREAT

I hope you will excuse me for writing mistakes and wrong sentences. I came only eight months ago from Holland.

Now then. We all gathered together in a eucalyptus grove about 12 miles south of Carmel at ten o'clock Saturday morning. They brought us 4 miles inwards to the place where our horses were waiting to be packed. First everything went beautiful. Many times you could imagine yourself a dwarf in a fairytale. But then came the reality, especially in a part of the sun-heated mountain, so that many times I wished myself wings or a helicopter. I was delighted to see the nice green shady trees of Frank Duveneck's cabin. And there we had a delicious stew.

The next day, Sunday, some of us took it very easy. I was one of them. Other very ambitious people hiked on the top of Pico Blanco. We went to the river and some of us were so courageous to try to swim in the pool of the South Fork of Little Sur. The water was ice cold. We had a gay time there and we took some nice pictures from a man who didn't like the cold water on his back. Some forgot their bathing suits and had to go further up the river, a respectable distance from our pool, to enjoy their bath. What they surely did, they took nice pictures, they told me.

Sunday morning Portia took the leading. If you know her, then it is not necessary to tell you that we had a lot of fun. In between time, just before dinner we discovered only a little fire on the roof, but Al climbed the roof just in one minute. The fire was away before we counted five.

The next morning we had trout for breakfast. We left then our nice camping ground and returned via North Fork, crossed seven times over Bonchers Gap down rocky Bixby Creek. This day I enjoyed the hike very much. The trail was nice and shady and the river with the nice waterfalls was really beautiful. Only on the end of our hike I had the feeling all the others were running with giant steps and I with my little legs behind just like a dwarf. Then at last Dr. MacDougal was so kind to get our drivers in his jeep, so they they could come back with the cars to get us, so that we needn't walk the last six miles. So ended our beautiful Labor Day week end with a nice remembrance of sunshine and joy.

-- Melza Ballentijn

STINSON BEACH HIKE--SEPTEMBER 5

Despite the fog, Millie Holota led us for a gay trip to Stinson Beach. The highlights were--the Dipsea Marathon runners who huffed past us the whole morning in practice runs; Professor Heller, who demonstrated a new method of getting into a bathing suit under a poncho; the four intrepid souls who went swimming despite the wind and fog; the seven who really did cook their supper out; the case of the lost glasses which required a return trip over the Steep Ravine Trail--and of course, the bus riders who didn't want to take the return trip. --Carol Pulsifer

WATERMELONS - M-m-m!

August 28 marked about the twentieth anniversary of the popular watermelon feed. John Mazza, in his usual congenial, capable mann er, served 65 people and they all complained....that his melons were so good they had eaten too much.

The prizes for the seed guessing contest were donated by Charlotte Weatherill Bosworth of Dundee, Illinois, first prize being won by Prof. E. H.Heller, the famed cavalier of our High Trips. --HA

KINGS CANYON

It was wonderful to have a long week end again over Labor Day, and we used it to the full, getting way into the Sierra at Kings Canyon. We camped at Cedar Grove, swam at the pool below Roaring River Falls and hiked up the Valley in all directions. The club has a truly choice camping spot at Zumwalt Meadows--a marvelous view of the towering glaciated granite walls up and down the canyon on both sides.

One of the rangers had some very interesting slides of the relatively inacessible areas in and around the Middle Fork of the Kings, and the Southern Chapter lived up to its campfire reputation with some excellent stunts.

Fires were as much of an omnipresent hazard there as elsewhere during the past month, and some of the campers had a chance to show one way that the club can act for conservation when they helped to put out a fire across the river. --EB

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SIERRA CLUB
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Listed September 2, 1948 - Date of Election November 1, 1948

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